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Dear Ms. Dixon:

The Laughlin Town Advisory Board met on November 9, 1999, and voted to voice its numerous concerns regarding the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage site and accompanying transportation dangers.

1 [In spite of the opinions of many easterners and a long-standing myth, Nevada is not a wasteland that everyone with unwanted, radioactive and nuclear waste should use as their out-of-sight-out-of-mind dump. As the fastest growing state, and with Clark County being the fastest growing county, we have a proven record that spans decades: Southern Nevada is attractive to thousands of new residents monthly and many millions of visitors from around the world annually.

By opening Yucca Mountain and transporting nuclear waste to this site, you not only could adversely affect the groundwater in our state, but our citizens will have to be exposed daily on our highways to slow, escorted transport vehicles that could have and cause accidents. Although the studies and estimates thus far indicate such accidents would likely be rare, it only takes one real disaster to ruin for the rest of our lifetimes the place we call "home."

We realize Yucca Mountain has been the subject of numerous studies and discussions for more than a decade but apparently there have not been honest and forthright answers given to the American people, Congress and, specifically, Nevada citizens by the scientific community and the Department of Energy on the nature and extent of the impacts that Yucca Mountain could have on the long- and short-term.

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1 cont'd. Therefore, the Laughlin Town Advisory Board can in no way support the opening of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository and urge more in-depth study be given to alternatives. 2

Sincerely,

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD



LORRAINE HAYWOOD  
Chair

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cc: Laughlin Town Advisory Board members  
County Commissioner Bruce Woodbury  
Jacquelyne A. Brady, Town Manager  
Kevin Smedley, Current Planning  
U.S. Senator Harry Reid  
U.S. Senator Richard Bryan  
U.S. Congressman Jim Gibbons